

An amount of 10% or less of filler material
An amount of 74% or less or water
wherein the total percentage of amounts is 100%.

25. A reagent as in claim 24 and further consisting of a biocide.

26 A reagent as in claim 24 which changes the composition of coal
so as to qualify for tax credits under Section 29 of the Internal Revenue Code of the
United States.

COMMENTS

The undersigned, the inventor, and the two principals of the company owning the technology wish to thank the Examiner for her granting the lengthy interview and her help in arriving at claims which define the invention and differentiate over the art.

The invention title has been changed in the claims to – chemical change reagent— which more adequately explains the invention. If the Examiner deems it appropriate, she is authorized to change the title of the invention to – Chemical Change Agent and Method of Using same--.

Other changes relating to the hydrocarbon wax as excluding montan wax have been added to differentiate over the Borenstein reference.

The claims have been amended to obviate the Examiner's informal criticisms and to eliminate two of them. The word "coal" has been added to claim 1 and to other

claims to help define the invention over the prior art. Certainly, Borenstein does not contemplate his composition on coal....there is no suggestion or teaching of that whatsoever. Further since Borenstein must use montan wax his teaching would not apply to the instant invention and his composition could not be used therein

The necessity of this montan wax eliminates any standing of Borenstein as a teaching reference and the rejections fail. In addition, the same arguments apply to Greve who is dealing with wallboard, not improving combustion in coal. The reference is totally irrelevant.

Claims 17 – 19 appear to have been overlooked by the Examiner as being indicated allowable in the last Office action. They depend on claim 16 which is allowable. The same applies to claim 22 which was not rejected except for the 112 rejection.

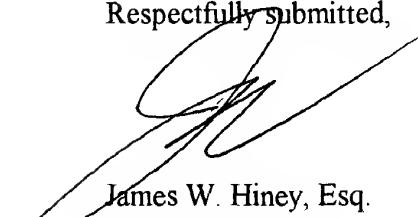
The reference to the Internal Revenue Code has been changed from section 40 to Section 29 which the Examiner can take official notice of since the earlier reference was An error.

Claims 21 to 23 were rewritten as claims 24-26 to clarify the substance thereof.

The Examiner is again thanked for her cooperation in looking over the above Amended claims in a facsimile exchange with the undersigned where she pointed out Some formalities which have been addressed in this amendment. The Examiner and te undersigned have agreed that the claims as amended are allowable and will be passed To issue.

Since it is now believed that the claims clearly define over the prior art of record, it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the Final Rejection and pass the application to issue. If the Examiner should see any minor corrections needed she is authorized to make the correction by Examiner's amendment.

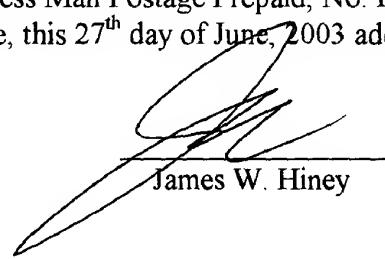
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